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Deputy Comptroller

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Chief, Administration Staff, Office of Communications

Financial Management Improvement Instruction No. 4, Supplement No. 1,  
Controls of Costs from Indirect Obligations (Controls of Costs of  
Property Issues).

REFERENCE: Memorandum to the Deputy Director (Support) from the Deputy  
Comptroller, Same Subject.

1. The Office of Communications concurs in reference memorandum subject to  
your consideration of the following comments.

2. It is noted that the field cost limitation procedures are to be effective  
for Fiscal Year 1960. We believe that the effective date should be 1 July 1959  
and that property issues which have occurred since that date should be retro-  
actively charged to cost limitations. Another problem to be resolved in this  
connection is the determination of the cost limitation required for items which  
were requisitioned during Fiscal Year 1959, or previous fiscal years, which will  
be issued in FY 1960. This, of course, brings up the problem of carryovers be-  
tween fiscal years.

3. It is also believed that cost limitations should be subdivided by the  
stock procurement allotment categories; i.e., TSS/Commo/Medical/QM/etc.

4. Since FPA reports and records are maintained by the Accounts Branch of  
the Finance Division, it is felt that the integration of reports on property  
requisitions and issues submitted by field locations could best be tabulated by  
the Accounts Branch, and then disseminated to Division budget and fiscal officers  
for (a) integration of issues to Type II stations and (b) information as to  
status of Type I cost limitations.

5. It is strongly felt that the Type I installations should operate under  
procedures requiring certification of requisitions prior to issuance of property  
As an alternate to the proposed procedure for certification of requisitions sub-  
sequent to issue, we suggest the following procedures:

a. Two copies of each requisition should be forwarded to the Finance  
Officer by the Accountable Officer immediately upon his receipt  
of the requisition; and

b. Upon receipt of the requisition by the Finance Officer, the  
procedures outlined under paragraph 2b.(1)-(4) of subject  
issuance should be carried out. One copy of the requisition  
bearing the cost limitation certificate should be returned  
to the Accountable Officer for his retention. One copy should  
be maintained in the files of the Finance Officer.

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**SUBJECT:** Financial Management Improvement Instruction No. 4, Supplement No. 1, Controls of Costs from Indirect Obligations (Controls of Costs of Property Issues).

6. In the proposed Supplement No. 1, there are no specific provisions for establishing cost limitations at Type I installations for operationally expending equipment in support of an activity or project at a Type II installation. Rather than attempting to establish cost limitations for specific activities or projects for situations just mentioned, it is felt that procedures should be established so that the activity or project could be charged at the headquarters level based on reports furnished from the field.

7. If it is determined that the above detail is not necessarily needed in the proposed Supplement No. 1, it is then urged that procedures issued to the field in the form of book dispatches or other dispatches cover these points.

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